# BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS FOR THE BUREAU FOR PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 1000683

SAN DIEGO BEAUTY COLLEGE, 3501 El Cajon Blvd. San Diego, CA 92104 OAH No. 2017041297

School Code 3709511

Respondent.

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The attached Stipulated Surrender of Approval to Operate and Order is hereby adopted by the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs as the Decision and Order in the above entitled matter.

DECISION AND ORDER

This Decision shall become effective on

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It is so ORDERED January 8, 2018

RYAN MARCROFT

DEPUTY DIRECTOR, LEGAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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15	School Code 3709511	APPROVAL TO OPERATE AND ORDER
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19	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-	
	entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:	
20	<u>PARTIES</u>	
21	1. Joanne Wenzel (Complainant) is the Chief of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary	
22	Education (Bureau). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in	
23	this matter by Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of the State of California, by Marichelle S.	
24	Tahimic, Deputy Attorney General.	
25	2. San Diego Beauty College (Respondent) is representing itself in this proceeding and	
26	has chosen not to exercise its right to be represented by counsel.	
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3. On or about June 6, 1996, the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education<sup>1</sup> (hereinafter "BPPVE") issued San Diego Beauty College (Respondent), an approval to operate a private postsecondary non-accredited institution (School Code Number 3709511) at the main campus located at 3501 El Cajon Blvd., San Diego, CA 92104. Respondent was approved to offer the following non-degree programs: Cosmetician, Cosmetology, and Manicuring and Teacher Training. On or about June 18, 2007, Respondent was also approved to offer non-degree programs in Health Holistic Practitioner, Massage Technician and Massage Therapist. On or about September 28, 2011, Respondent was approved to offer a non-degree program in Barbering. The Approval to Operate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on March 21, 2021, unless renewed.

### <u>JURISDICTION</u>

4. Accusation No. 1000683 was filed before the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs (Director) and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on February 7, 2017, Respondent timely filed its Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 1000683 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

## ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 1000683. Respondent also has carefully read, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of Approval to Operate and Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of its legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel, at its own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against them; the right to present evidence and to testify on its own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The former Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education sunsetted on July 1, 2007. On October 11, 2009, the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009 (AB 48) was signed into law. The Act, which became operative on January 1, 2010, established the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (hereinafter "Bureau").

court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

### **CULPABILITY**

- 8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 1000683, agrees that cause exists for discipline and hereby surrenders its approval to operate a private postsecondary non-accredited institution (School Code Number 3709511) (hereinafter "approval to operate") for the Bureau's formal acceptance.
- 9. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation Respondent enables the Director to issue his order accepting the surrender of its approval to operate without further process.

## **CONDITIONS PRECEDENT**

- 10. Respondent understands and agrees that it must fully comply with the conditions precedent set forth below. Respondent understands and agrees this Stipulation shall be null and void unless and until Respondent does all of the following:
- a. Respondent shall cease enrollment of new students in all educational programs commencing on September 15, 2017;
- b. On or before September 15, 2017, Respondent shall provide to the Bureau the School Closure Plan, inclusive of the names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, programs of study and the amount of tuition collected from students who were enrolled at San Diego Beauty College from within 120 days of the issuance of the Accusation against San Diego Beauty College to September 15, 2017.
- c. On or before September 15, 2017, Respondent shall comply with the California Education Code section 94927.5 including providing the Bureau with all records in a readable electronic format for all students who attended San Diego Beauty College for the last two years.

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- d. On or before September 15, 2017, Respondent shall provide official transcripts, at no additional charge, to all students who attended San Diego Beauty College, and/or completed their education at San Diego Beauty College, within 120 days of the Bureau issuing the Accusation against San Diego Beauty College. Respondent shall provide proof to the Bureau that Respondent has provided transcripts to students on or before September 30, 2017.
- e. On or before September 30, 2017, Respondent shall provide to the Bureau, proof of refunds made to those students enrolled at San Diego Beauty College that were unable to complete their education due to San Diego Beauty College's closure.
- 11. In the event Respondent fails to comply with the Conditions Precedent above, this matter shall be placed back on the hearing calendar.

## **CONTINGENCY**

- 12. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Director or the Director's designee, subject to the provisions of Paragraph 10, "Conditions Precedent," above. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education may communicate directly with the Director and staff regarding this stipulation and surrender, without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that they may not withdraw its agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Director considers and acts upon it. If the Director fails to adopt this stipulation as the Decision and Order for any reason other than Respondent's failure to comply with the Conditions Precedent above, the Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Director shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 13. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Surrender of Approval to Operate, including Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 14. This Stipulated Surrender of Approval to Operate is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement.

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It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Surrender of Approval to Operate and Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.

15. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Director may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

### ORDER -

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the approval to operate a private postsecondary non-accredited institution (School Code Number 3709511) issued to Respondent San Diego Beauty College is surrendered and accepted by the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

- 1. The surrender of Respondent's approval to operate and the acceptance of the surrendered approval to operate by the Bureau shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's approval history with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education.
- 2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a private postsecondary institution in California as the effective date of the Decision and Order.
- 3. If Respondent or any of Respondent's officers and/or agents submits an application for approval to operate in California, they must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for approval to operate in effect at the time the application is filed, and all charges contained in Accusation No. 1000683, shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondents or any of Respondent's officers and/or agents, when the Bureau determines whether to grant or deny the approval of the application.
- 4. If Respondent, or any of Respondent's officers and/or agents, submits an application for approval to operate in California and is granted an approval to operate, Respondent, or Respondent's officers and/or agents, shall pay to the Bureau the costs associated with its investigation and enforcement pursuant to Cal. Education Code section 94937 and Business and Professions Code section 125.3 in the amount of \$64,429.94.

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